IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the Claims as follows:

1. (original) A mesh sleeve adapted for use with a device suitable for insertion into a bodily cavity and prepared separately from said device such that in use the sleeve envelops the body of the device, and wherein the sleeve comprises a pharmaceutical agent disposed thereon.

2. (original) A sleeve according to claim 1, wherein the sleeve is adapted for use with a device suitable for insertion into the vaginal, rectal, nasal or buccal cavity.

3. (currently amended) A mesh sleeve according to claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, wherein said sleeve has one open end and one substantially closed end.

4. (currently amended ) A mesh sleeve according to claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, which is open at both ends.

5. (currently amended) A mesh sleeve according to ~~any one of~~ claim[[s]] 1 ~~to 4~~, wherein said mesh sleeve can expand when the device expands during use.

6. (original) A mesh sleeve according to claim 5, wherein the ability to expand is conferred by the presence of an overlap of mesh material.

7. (original) A mesh sleeve according to claim 5, wherein the ability to expand is conferred by the elasticity of the mesh material.

8. (original) A mesh sleeve according to claim 5, wherein the ability to expand is conferred by a combination of the elasticity of the mesh material and the presence of an overlap of mesh material.

9. (currently amended) A mesh sleeve according to ~~any one of~~ claim[[s]] 1 ~~to 8~~, which

comprises a tethering component suitable for attachment of the sleeve to the body of the device.

10. (currently amended) A mesh sleeve according to claim ~~any one of claims~~ 1 ~~to 9~~, wherein the material from which the mesh sleeve is made is cotton, such as non-wettable cotton.

11. (currently amended) A mesh sleeve according to ~~any one of~~ claim[[s]] 1 ~~to 10~~, which has 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8 10, 20, 50, 100 or more discrete pharmaceutical coupons attached thereto.

12. (currently amended) A mesh sleeve according to ~~any one of the preceding~~ claim[[s]] 1, wherein said pharmaceutical agent is formulated with one or more pharmaceutically-acceptable excipients and/or carriers.

13. (original) A mesh sleeve according to claim 12, additionally comprising a wetting-agent.

14. (currently amended) A mesh sleeve according to ~~any one of the preceding~~ claim[[s]] 1, wherein said pharmaceutical agent is in the form of a sustained release composition.

15. (currently amended) A mesh sleeve according to ~~any one of the preceding~~ claim[[s]] 1, wherein the amount of pharmaceutical agent disposed on the surface is between 10 μg and 1 g.

16. (currently amended) A mesh sleeve according to ~~any one of~~ claim[[s]] 1 ~~to 15~~, wherein said one or more pharmaceutical agents are selected from one or more members of the group consisting of an anti-fibrinolytic agent, such as tranexamic acid or aminocaproic acid; an anti-inflammatory agent, such as ibuprophen or mefenamic acid; a tocolytic agent, such as hyoscine or ritrodine; a haemostasis-modifying agent; sex steroid; glucocorticoid; mineralocorticoid and dietary supplements.

17. (currently amended) A mesh sleeve according to ~~any one of~~ claim[[s]] 1 ~~to 16~~, wherein said device is an intra-nasal device or an intra-rectal device, and wherein said one or more pharmaceutical agents are selected from one or members of the group consisting of

adrenaline, sodium nitroprusside, anti-emetics, such as ondansetron, anti-migraines, such as sumatriptan, a bronchodilator such as salbutamol or theophylline, or diuretics such as frusemide.

18. (currently amended) A mesh sleeve according to ~~any one of~~ claim[[s]] 1 ~~to 17~~, wherein said mesh sleeve is attached to backing.

19. canceled

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21. (currently amended) An intra-vaginal, intra-rectal, intra-nasal or intra-buccal apparatus comprising a mesh sleeve according to ~~any one of the preceding~~ claim[[s]] 1, and a device adapted for insertion into the vagina, rectum, nasal or buccal cavity, respectively.

22. (original) An apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the body of the device is made from an absorbent material.

23. (original) An apparatus according to claim 22, wherein said absorbent material is cellulose or cellulose derivative fibres, cotton, starch, rayon, sponge, woodpulp, polyolefin, polyester, polyamide, polyurethane, cross-linked carboxymethylcellulose, acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, 2-acrylamido-2-methyl propane sulphonic acid or a mixture thereof, or a hydrogel.

24. (currently amended) An apparatus according to ~~any one of~~ claim[[s]] 21 ~~to 23~~, wherein said device is a tampon.

25. (currently amended) An apparatus according to ~~any one of~~ claim[[s]] 21 ~~to 24~~ further comprising inserting means.

26. (original) An apparatus according to claim 25, wherein said inserting means comprises a first hollow cylindrical tube defining a cartridge for receiving said device and a second hollow cylindrical plunger slidably received within said first cylindrical tube.

27. canceled

28. (currently amended) A method of treating a disease in a patient, comprising administering a pharmaceutical agent to the patient using a mesh sleeve according to ~~any one of~~ claim[[s]] 1 ~~to 20~~ or an apparatus according to ~~any one of~~ claim[[s]] 21 ~~20-26~~.

29. ~~Use of a mesh sleeve according to any one of claims 1 to 20 or apparatus according to any one of claims 21-26, for use~~ A method according to claim 28, for the management of female-specific disorders, such as conditions associated with the menstrual cycle including dysmenorrhea, endometriosis, fibroids and heavy menstrual bleeding.

30. (currently amended) A method according to claim 28, ~~or use according to claim 29,~~ wherein the pharmaceutical agent is an anti-inflammatory agent, for providing pain relief after blood clotting.

31. (currently amended) ~~Use of a mesh sleeve according to any one of claims 1 to 20 or apparatus according to any one of claims 21-26,~~ A method for absorbing blood and stopping bleeding during dental procedures, comprising applying to the site of said bleeding a mesh sleeve according to claim 1 or an apparatus according to claim 21.

32. (currently amended) A method according to claim 28, ~~or use according to claim 31,~~ wherein the pharmaceutical agent is a fibrinolytic inhibitor

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